



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE DONALD LEROY WILLIAMS, SR.

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. passed away on July 10, 2018 at the age of 92, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. was born on April 28, 1926 to Kelly and Mamie Williams in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. married Mercedes Moore in 1950, who preceded him in death, and with whom he had five children, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. married Ora Dee Gamble in 1964, who preceded him in death, and with whom he had one child, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. married Dora Ziegler in 2002, who remained a figure of love and support by his side for the remainder of his life, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. was an engaged and loving father to his children Karen, Donald Jr., Sheryl, Sharlene, Denise, Rhonda, and dedicated stepfather to Alfonso Gamble and Donald Rogers, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. was the proud grandfather of 24 and the proud great-grandfather of 35, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr., worked in the Maywood community as a business owner, a pharmacist, a State Farm agency owner for 50 years, and the cofounder of a real estate company, and;

WHEREAS, in 2018, Don Williams, Sr. was named Maywood's businessman of the year, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. acted as a political leader during his time as the second African American Mayor of Maywood, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. remained an active Maywood community member, as a member of the Maywood Rotary Club and the director of the 1st Suburban National Bank, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. was a strong spiritual leader in the community and an ordained minister and deacon at the Second Baptist Church in Maywood, and;

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Sr. left a legacy of positive and enduring service to the Maywood community in every sphere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to honor the life of former Mayor Don Williams Sr. and the sincere condolences of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners are extended to the family.